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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING TO CONGRESS

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1. SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN SRI LANKA SUBSEQUENT TO DECEMBER 1976, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MENTION THEM IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SHOULD THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY. MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT WAS THE TERMINATION IN FEBRUARY 1977 OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT HAD BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 1971. MOREOVER, IT SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED THAT NOT ONLY HAVE THOSE FORMER INSURGENTS WHO WERE BEING HELD WITHOUT TRIAL UNDER EMERGENCY REGULATIONS BEEN RELEASED, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN FREELY ALLOWED TO RESUME POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND TO REFORM THEIR POLITICAL PARTY. ONE MINOR CORRECTION TO REPORT CONCERNS STATUS OF NON-CITIZEN TAMILS. FINAL PARA OF SECTION II IMPLIES THAT NO NON-CITIZEN TAMIL IS PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS. WHILE LACK OF CITIZENSHIP IS NOW A BAR TO TAMILS GETTING A LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS, TAMILS WHO WERE ALREADY IN BUSINESS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE.

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2. WE INTEND TO INFORM MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS OF CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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